

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 3-20 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicants have amended the independent claims to remove some limitations unnecessary for patentability. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's reasons for allowance as provided in the August 13, 2004 Notice of Allowance are not affected by this Amendment. Accordingly, Applicants kindly request that the application be allowed and passed to issue as quickly as possible.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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